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Date of Interview: 30 August 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Stuart et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6639982) and O'Brien (U.S. Patent No. 6587831).

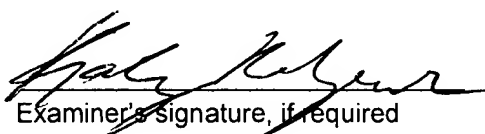
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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A discussion of the mathematical algorithm used to perform the recited long-range planning method was discussed. Applicants clarified the mathematical steps used, specifically that each agent is applied to the demand individually and then removed, thereby determining the optimal mix for long-range planning. Thus, such a mathematical algorithm implores a quasi-nested or recursive element of linear programming distinguishable from the prior art. Examiner and Applicants agree that this feature of the present invention is not currently in the recited claims.

Examiner further suggested that a literal or descriptive recitation of the unique mathematical algorithm implored by the present invention in the claims would clearly distinguish the present invention from the cited prior art references.